

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

The following is a complete listing of claims in this application.

Claims 1-14 (canceled).

15. (currently amended) A method for producing a gas permeable substrate for supporting an object for processing, the substrate comprising carbon and having ~~gas outlets or passage openings formed therein,~~ pore channels for carrying gas interspersed through the substrate, comprising the steps of:

producing a framework made of at least one of carbon fibers and SiC fibers, and

stabilizing the framework with at least one pyrocarbon and/or silicon carbide coating that forms a matrix, such that the stabilized framework has a porosity level that forms the ~~gas outlet or passage openings~~ pore channels,

the stabilized framework or a segment thereof being used as the substrate.

16. (previously presented) A method according to claim 15, wherein the fibers are stabilized by means of vapor infiltration (CVI) and/or fluid impregnation.

17. (previously presented) A method according to claim 15, wherein the framework comprises stabilized felt, stabilized non-woven materials, or stabilized fabric layers.

18. (previously presented) A method according to claim 15, wherein the fibers are stabilized solely with carbon or solely with silicon carbide.

19. (previously presented) A method according to claim 15, wherein the fibers are stabilized with a at least one coating selected from the group consisting of carbon and silicon carbide.

20. (previously presented) A method according to claim 15, wherein the fibers are stabilized with a graduated system

of coatings that transitions from carbon to silicon carbide.

21. (previously presented) A method according to claim 15, wherein the stabilized framework has a porosity  $p$ , where  $5\% \leq p \leq 95\%$ .

22. (previously presented) A method according to claim 15, wherein the stabilized framework has at least one planar surface.